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From: David Leffler [dleffler@publichealthwatch.org]
Sent: 11/14/2022 9:51:37 PM
To: Schneider, Matt [Schneider.Matthew@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch

Hi Matt,

Thanks for getting back to me with this thoughtful response. I definitely understand where you're coming from and appreciate your pointing me in the right direction. I'll check in with the appropriate media folks and will be sure to let you know if we have any major updates on our end. Either way, it's good to hear from you. Thanks for all that you're doing.

Best,
David

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 12:40 PM Schneider, Matt <Schneider.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately I'm not authorized to speak to the public about our inspection and enforcement activities. I'll have to refer you to EPA's office of Media Relations. You can contact them by email at press@epa.gov. The OECA point of contact for press relations is Melissa Sullivan, sullivan.melissa@epa.gov or George Hull, Hull.george@epa.gov.

EPA Region 6 also has public affairs liaisons, who can be reached at r6press@epa.gov. I'm sorry I can't be of more assistance to your story, but I look forward to reading it when it is published.

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From: David Leffler <dleffler@publichealthwatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 2:14 PM
To: Schneider, Matthew <Schneider.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch

Good afternoon Mr. Schneider,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is David Leffler and I'm a reporter with Public Health Watch — a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization focused on threats to America's well-being.

I'm reaching out because I'm currently working on a story looking back at the 2019 fire at the Intercontinental Terminal Company's facility in Deer Park, Texas. Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand the facility's culture and history, including past violations and similar aspects of EPA and TCEQ oversight. I came across your 2016 inspection of the facility (which has been very helpful) and am interested in learning more about your experience there.

I'm not sure in what capacity you can speak with me about this matter, but if at all possible, I'd love to tell you more about this project and how your past inspection ties in. Even if it's just on background, I'd appreciate any input and insight you can provide.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration here, Mr. Schneider. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help address.

Best regards,
David Leffler
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